

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In the Application of |) | Examiner: Luks, J.A. |
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| Shoichi Nakamura |) | Group Art Unit: 2832 |
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| Title: Stethoscope Head |) | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the non-Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2009 in the captioned application, for which a shortened statutory period for response extends to December 21, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.